

Testimony Supporting

S.B. 383, An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit H.B. 5403, An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax

Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding

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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman, and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I, Nancy Pacheco, of New Haven, CT support both S.B. 383, “An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit,” and H.B. 5403, “An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax.”

S.B. 383 would increase the Connecticut earned income tax credit (CT EITC) from 30.5 percent of the federal EITC to 41.5 percent, and H.B. 5403 would establish a Connecticut child tax credit (CT CTC) of up to \$600 per child.

Increasing the CT EITC would make the state's tax system fairer and help working-class families make ends meet.

Putting more money in the pockets of families who need it most is important because in these uncertain times it provides stability not only financially but also emotionally because times are too uncertain now.

If we are able to implement a tax credit for Connecticut children, we would be able to help pay the rent, it would allow for more time at home with the children because children suffer neglect due to parents having to work and more specifically their mothers. Mothers are forced to work and not be with their children. We come to this country to better ourselves, but we have to choose between supporting our family and spending time with them.

Expanding the CT EITC and establishing the CT CTC are essential to making Connecticut's tax system fairer and our state more economically just for families. Please support passage of these 2 critical bills.

Thank you for your time.